



City of Ridgecrest
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A.C.T.I.O.N. Task Force
Kerr McGee Community Center Meeting Rooms
September 16, 2014
4:00 pm

Minutes

Committee Members: Mayor Dan Clark, Chief of Police Ron Strand

Recording Secretary: Lori Blowers, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Mayor Dan Clark.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by everyone present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There was a motion from Chief Ron Strand to approve the agenda, second by Mayor Dan Clark. All in favor.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

UPDATES ON STRATEGY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. **School Reports**

Officer Keys – Gateway added a new program for coping and social skills to prepare for future Junior High attendance. Truancy is down. Officer Franco – Drugs are on the rise (specifically Ecstasy and prescription pills). Bathroom at the park are becoming an issue again.

2. **Neighborhood Watch**

Andy Pudgorski – Program is pretty quiet. One new group established. Graffiti has decreased.

3. **Body Cameras**

Police Department is still exploring. Considerations are the benefits, liabilities, cost, union issues, etc. Cost factor = managing data and cost of staff. The benefits are live contact and reduction of citizen complaints. Also, citizens and officers are more aware of their actions.

4. **Teen Court**

Ninety-four juveniles have been arrested, which has declined from 2009. The program is down to only one or two youth on Monday night. Youth that have failed once or twice are returning to Teen Court through probation. Coordinator is engaging with officers and family to add more authority for Teen Court completion. Community Service is in the process of being established through Family Resource Center.

5. **Youth Substance Abuse Program**

Groups will be held at Mesquite, Burroughs, and College Community Services. Services will be provided through College Community Services and they are currently working on their drug

medi-cal application. They will be going to Delano school to shadow their program. They are waiting on letters of support to complete their application process.

6. Citizen's Academy

Sergeant Marrone is currently working on this program. It will accommodate 15 to 30 citizens. The purpose is to educate the community on components of the police department. It would be 6 to 8 weeks and 1 to 2 hours long.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- **Body Cameras**
- **Next meeting: November 18, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at Kerr McGee Center**

ADJOURNMENT – The official meeting was adjourned by Mayor Dan Clark.